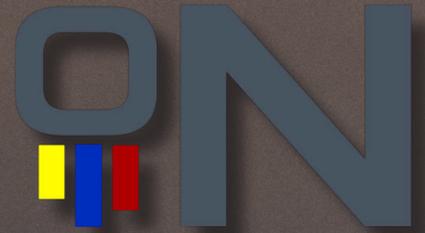


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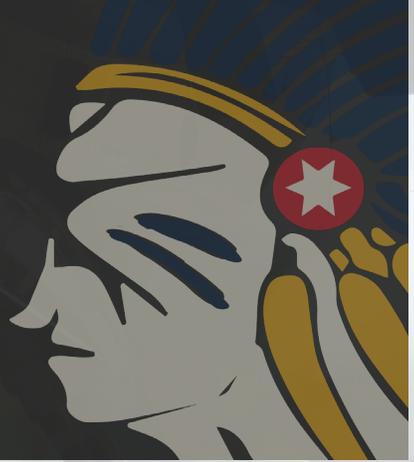
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Airmen of the Wing - I am humbled and honored to be your Command Chief!

Since our last issue, we have projected the stellar image of the 138th at our nation's capital with representatives from Security Forces, Public Affairs and Transportation professionals. We also had short notice support from many others that provided logistics, processing, transportation, and the movement of those teams. In record time, we accomplished so much! Additionally, our ONE deployment was a huge success. Thank you to all who served on that mission, both away and at home.

In March we celebrated Women's History Month recognizing our first ever female firefighter, Hannah Nichols. On the 2nd of May we promoted our first female Chief Master Sergeant of Security Forces, Kathryn Brown. On May 1st Master Sergeant Shanell Woodson graduated with a Master's Degree in Leadership from ORU. These events highlight the value that our female Airmen bring to the fight. As a wing we will continue to embrace and celebrate all facets of our diversified force throughout the coming months.

We honored the courage and sacrifice of TSgt. Marshal Roberts and TSgt. Ariel White with a purple heart ceremony and building dedication, followed too soon thereafter with a dignified transfer and celebration of life for our friend Lt. Col. Eric "Smokin" Jauquet. Yet, even in our darkest hour, the 138th Fighter Wing family stands together - strong and resilient! I appreciate the dignity and respect displayed each time we honor our fallen.

Finally, we have an LSRE and capstone event upon us. I have all the faith and confidence that we will come out of this event full of pride for the effort given and a job well done! The wing Commander and I stand with you, beside you, all the way. We trust in your abilities and professionalism. I have seen it time and again - you are the BEST and I am looking forward to winning the war with you - with Strength & Honor!



Chief-D



VISUAL: CMSgt. DiPiazzo's 36 years of service consist of 33 years in Air Force Communications as well as private sector Network Management, 2 years as the Chief of Operations for Civil Engineers and 1 as the Support Group Superintendent. Serving with the 138FW Tulsa ANG, he has deployed to the Persian Gulf, Turkey, Qatar, Iraq and Kuwait in support of Operations: NORTHERN & SOUTHERN WATCH, IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, NEW DAWN, FREEDOM SENTINEL and INHERENT RESOLVE.

BRAVE ONE

CHAPLAIN MAJ. CHRISTOPHER BROEKER
138TH FIGHTER WING LEAD CHAPLAIN

138th Chaplaincy | Ministry in Motion

Chaplains have been a part of the U.S. Military for more than 240 years and since then, have been involved in every campaign the U.S. has fought.

At the 138th Fighter Wing, there are two chaplains and three religious affairs Airmen available to assist the wing and its members with anything from religious requests to crisis counseling.

Chaplain (Maj.) Christopher Broeker is the 138th FW staff chaplain. He started out his military career as a chaplain candidate for the Army National Guard more than 15 years ago, and has been a member of the 138th FW since 2014.

“Chapel-on-the-go is the heart of our religious ministry,” Broeker explained. “That is where we go across the base during drill weekend to meet with Airmen and conduct chapel.”

Broeker noted that they visit 12-14 different locations on base and speak with anywhere from 200 to 500 Airmen each drill weekend. While chaplains provide for the religious needs of Airmen and their families, they also provide advisement to leadership on morale and moral issues.

“Here on base we have a combination of religions including Christianity, Catholic, Jewish and many who are non-religious,” Broeker said. “Whether you consider yourself religious or not, we are here to help in any way we can.”

Since they are a mobile ministry, Broeker noted they might not always be in their offices, but are out meeting with Airman. However, Chaplains are always on duty 24/7 regardless of official duty status, and can be reached at any time.

“We will go anywhere to meet anybody at any time,” Broeker. “All of our Airmen are skilled and taught how to do crisis counseling if needed.”

The chaplain staff provide a safe, secure resource for Airmen to discuss any concerns or struggles they may be facing. All communications Airmen have with chaplain office personnel are not reported without permission and is 100% confidential. This confidentiality applies to conversations with both chaplains and religious affairs Airmen.

“If there is any need you have and you don’t know where you need to go, we are happy to get you the right resources and get you moving in the right direction,” Broeker said.

If you need to contact a chaplain, Chaplain Broeker can be reached at (405) 653-2619, and Chaplain Morrison can be reached at (316) 761-0361.



VISUAL: The first American military chaplaincy was established by the Continental Congress on 29 July 1775. Chaplains were paid \$20 per month, a captain’s salary, and required no formal ordination or endorsement by a religious organization. During the American Civil War, attempts were made by both government and church organizations to increase professionalism. Ordination by an authorized ecclesiastical body became a legal requirement and the non-combatant status of chaplains was officially recognized.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021

PURPLE HEART CEREMONY

BUILDING DEDICATION



THE PURPLE HEART WAS AWARDED TO TECH. SGT. ARIEL WHITE, 219TH ENGINEERING AND INSTALLATION SQUADRON, AND WAS ALSO POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED TO TECH. SGT. MARSHAL ROBERTS, 219TH EIS. DURING THE CEREMONY, THE 219TH EIS BUILDING WAS DEDICATED TO ROBERTS AS A WAY TO REMEMBER AND HONOR HIS HEROIC SACRIFICE.





"I THINK IT'S A REMINDER TO US, A DAY LIKE TODAY, THAT WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY AS OKLAHOMANS TO CARRY THEIR STORIES, TO MAKE SURE THEIR STORIES ARE NEVER FORGOTTEN AND THOSE HEROES ARE NEVER FORGOTTEN," SAID MATT PINNELL, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA.

"WE DON'T WANT ANYONE TO FORGET WHO HE WAS AND WHAT HIS SERVICE REPRESENTED," SAID MAJ. GEN. MICHAEL C. THOMPSON, THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA. "FROM HERE TO ETERNITY WHEN PEOPLE DRIVE BY THEY'RE GOING TO KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS."



STORY BY CAPT. JENNIFER PROCTOR AND TECH. SGT. REBECCA IMWALLE
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OPERATION CAPITAL RESPONSE





Airmen from the Oklahoma Air National Guard joined their Oklahoma Army National Guard counterparts to form a joint task force that provided on-the-ground support in Washington D.C. for the 59th Presidential Inauguration.

On January 17, 2021, the Oklahoma National Guard mobilized a total of 392 Guardsmen, including 32 Airmen, and joined with 25,000 Guard members from all across the country to assist with the D.C. National Guard's support of the inauguration.

Members from the 137th Special Operations Wing, Oklahoma City, and the 138th Fighter Wing, Tulsa, Oklahoma, integrated with the 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team after very short notice. The joint task force rapidly mobilized and moved to the nation's capital, arriving Monday, January 18, and began providing security at the U.S. Capitol building the next day.

"This was not a typical deployment with a 90-day lead time," said Lt. Col. Matthew Emerson, commander of the 137th Special Operations Security Forces Squadron. "This was a quick mobilization of diverse groups across the state."

Senior Master Sgt. Jason Castleman, 138th Security Forces superintendent, assisted with logistical support in getting Airmen to Washington, D.C. and also provided security to the Capitol during the inauguration.

"We train for contingencies like this," Castleman said. "If it's not happening real world, we are training as if it is. For us, that means staying busy so that no matter what, we are ready to go."

Although people typically associate the Air Force with defending America's skies, the Airmen found themselves standing shoulder-to-shoulder on the ground with Oklahoma Army National Guardsmen while manning one of the inner perimeters around the Capitol.

"When we're working with the Army, we find unique and creative ways to work together and get the job done," Castleman said. "Ultimately, no matter what name tape says, if it's Air Force or Army, it all starts with 'U.S.' and we are all one team working together."

Emerson said the Airmen worked tirelessly throughout inauguration day as well as the three days prior to the event.

"These Airmen and soldiers demonstrated the Oklahoma standard to the nation. They were consummate professionals as they stood their posts in extremely challenging conditions with virtually no breaks." Emerson said. "This is an experience that none of them will forget. Nothing compares to the pride these Airmen felt defending our Nation's Capitol, supporting the Constitution, and ensuring a smooth transition to a new administration."

Castleman explained that this mission came with many challenges, but being able to be adaptive and flexible is ultimately the key to success no matter the mission.

"This was a very historic moment for the nation," Castleman said. "Despite the fact that there were a lot of moving pieces, it was important to take a breath, step back and realize that you're a part of history at that point."



VISUAL: The Department of Defense has approved award of the Armed Forces Service Medal (AFSM) to recognize service members for their qualifying participation in Operation CAPITOL RESPONSE I and II and the Presidential Inauguration. Both Active and Reserve Component members are eligible for such recognition.



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Maj. Gen. Michael C. Thompson, the adjutant general of Oklahoma, honors Hannah Nichols, firefighter, 138th Fighter Wing during Women's History Month, March 7, 2021, at Oklahoma Air National Guard Base, Okla. Nichols became the first woman firefighter in the Oklahoma Air National Guard four-years ago, and has been a volunteer firefighter for five-years.

FUELS TRAINING

ENCOURAGES TOTAL FORCE INTEGRATION

One of the Air Force's most classic mottos is "one team, one fight!" This mantra reminds active duty, National Guard and reserve members that their goals are universal, no matter the duty status. The mission is the same, yet is achieved separately, rarely giving its members the chance to work together.

When the fuels shop from the 302nd Airlift Wing at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, was looking for training opportunities, the reserve unit reached out to the 138th Fighter Wing for help. "Training at the 138th Fighter Wing has given my team a new perspective of the Air Force that they've never seen before," said Master Sgt. Paul Franklin, 302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron.

"I had a lot of options when it came to planning our annual training this year," Franklin said. "But plans kept changing due to COVID-19 conditions."

Eventually, sights were set on completing his team's annual training days at the 138th FW and Franklin and his team made the journey from Colorado.

Coming from a heavy, tactical airlift wing that works almost exclusively with the C-130 Hercules, training at a fighter wing was important. "Every two years, we're looking to go somewhere with fighter jets to stay qualified," said Franklin.

Some of Franklin's reserve Airmen required this training to resume career progression, while others trained to gain refresher training on fighter jets; more specifically, hot pit refueling. Additionally, the 138th LRS fuels shop benefited from the joint training.

"This is something that rarely happens," said Master Sgt. Amanda Beck, 138th LRS fuels superintendent. "It is a different dynamic that challenges us to learn more about each other. Even though the terms we use and the things we do are the same, sometimes the way we do things differs."

According to Franklin, hot pit refueling is a technique that allows the jet to land, fuel up quickly, and take off again in a short period of time.

While cargo missions and aerial firefighting is their home station's central mission, Franklin says his team's training in Tulsa has allowed them to stay knowledgeable on every aspect of the war fighting mission.

While the verbiage and terminology of the fighter wing mission is universal across one Air Force, Franklin's team had much to learn from their Air National Guard counterparts. Franklin hoped that training his team at a guard base would give them an outside perspective that they wouldn't have received elsewhere.

"This is a great place to go to teach my guys how the guard works," said Franklin. "They get to see into a window of the Air Force that they don't usually get to see at their home station."

Annual training is an invaluable experience that members of the armed forces use to progress and excel in their careers while advancing the effectiveness of the mission. This was especially true for Franklin and his team. According to Franklin, when his team trains somewhere like the 138th FW, they get to see a fighter mission that helps patrol the skies, and witness an operation that helps keep America safe.

VISUAL: Jet fuel can actually be used in cars, but only in diesel engines. Kerosene jet fuel and diesel are actually similar enough to allow for cross-functionality and would provide a similar performance. Both are derived from crude oil, and both run their respective engines on combustion.



MERGE

(Oklahoma Air National Guard photos by Master Sgt. C.T. Michael)

Local news station covers Tulsa Viper night flying operations

“It’s a sense of fulfillment to see all the work that goes into them and then ultimately see them go out to the flight line and go fly,” said Chief Master Sgt. Tracey Weaver, 138th Fighter Wing maintenance.

“It definitely is the sound of freedom,” said Maj. Colin Newton, 138th Fighter Wing F-16 pilot.

“It’s really indescribable,” said Lt. Col. Chris Wells, 138th Fighter Wing F-16 pilot. “I’ve been doing it quite a while and I still just get so excited. I’m very blessed that I get to do that each and every day, and I do something that I love.”



138th MDG distributed coronavirus vaccine

The 138th Medical Group began administering COVID-19 vaccines to members of the 138th Fighter Wing in February of 2021.

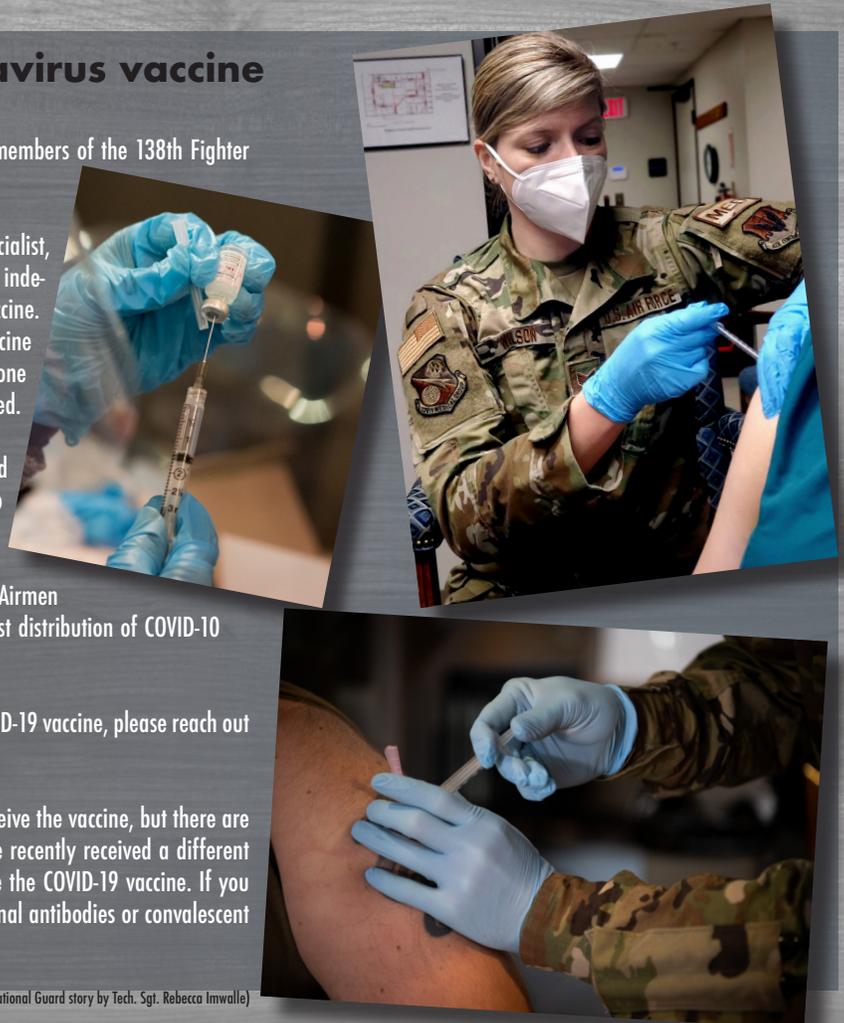
Master Sgt. Monica Cook, 138th MDG supervisory health systems specialist, noted that one of the most challenging things they have faced is the indecisiveness of members while deciding if they want to receive the vaccine. “We have had multiple opportunities for members to receive the vaccine in hopes that if the member was questioning receiving the vaccine at one time, they would reconsider for the next vaccination event,” she explained.

Currently, all service members & state employees have been afforded the opportunity to receive the vaccine. The 138th MDG will continue to offer the vaccine every drill weekend until it becomes mandatory.

In addition to the vaccines being given on base, there are currently 15 Airmen from the wing working with local health departments ensuring the fast distribution of COVID-10 vaccines to the members of our community.

If you or members of your squadron are interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, please reach out to the medical group for more information.

Service members do not have to be in any sort of military status to receive the vaccine, but there are some requirements that must be met prior to receiving it: If you have recently received a different vaccine (influenza or anthrax, etc.), you must wait 14 days to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. If you tested positive for the virus or were treated for COVID-19 with monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma, you must wait 90 days before receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.



(Oklahoma Air National Guard story by Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Imwalle)

13.1-MILES

PRODUCTION RECRUITER HONORS THE FALLEN

People embark on long distance runs for many different reasons. Some of those reasons may be for personal gains in health or simply the idea of being challenged during a competition. They continually push physical boundaries; dedicating each mile in honor of being a greater version of themselves with every stride.

Every year since 2014 Tech Sgt. Cory Shaw, production recruiter, 138th Fighter Wing, has rucked a half-marathon to honor fallen American military members.

"I have always wanted to tribute American fallen soldiers and wounded warriors," said Shaw. "I feel like they should be honored every year and rucking is a way for me to give back to them."

To prepare for the yearly 13.1-mile ruck, Shaw begins training for the next year's race almost as soon as he crosses the finish line of this year's race. After the current race is over he immediately signs up for the next year's November event and undertakes several months of weightlifting and physical exercises. Shaw also practices Brazilian jiu-jitsu twice a week in the off months. This training helps him increase his stamina by sparring for an hour and a half each session. As if that is not enough, sometimes he stays after class for another four or five continuous sparring rounds.

In the month of May, he begins to add in 4 to 6 mile runs to his routine and steadily increases his distance by adding a half-mile every week.

"My typical distance run is on Sunday mornings. I'll wake up at around 5 a.m. and run for an hour or so," said Shaw. "As long as I can reach about a 10-mile distance in training, then I can make it through the 13th mile during the ruck."

After six months and countless hours of running in preparation, Tech. Sgt. Shaw was ready. However, due to COVID-19 constraints, this past year's 13.1-mile honor ruck event was canceled and was going completely virtual. Shaw was devastated on the cancellation. His plans were to honor 219th Engineering Installation Squadron's Tech. Sgt. Marshal Roberts, a member from Shaw's home unit. On Mar. 11, 2020, Roberts was killed in action during a deployment to Iraq and became the first Oklahoma Air National Guardsman to be killed in combat.

"I just broke down and called the event executive director explaining that this can't happen. Not this year. The director graciously agreed to let me run the race in person with the directors on the original day of the event," said Shaw.

With a green light on the scaled back event, Shaw arrived sporting non-traditional running garb. He was dressed in his Operational Camouflage Pattern (OCP) uniform, combat boots, body armor vest, 50 pound ruck and carried an American flag. Shaw also recruited two other 138th Fighter Wing members to ruck the half-marathon and assist him with carrying the Air Force flag and the 219th EIS flag to honor Roberts' ultimate sacrifice.

Six years ago, Shaw's first half-marathon honor ruck lasted over four muscle melting hours but he continually improves his time every year. This last event, to honor Roberts, he shaved off almost a full hour improving his time at a little over three hours to the finish line.

"I typically hit a wall at mile four or five," said Shaw. "All I can think about [to push through] is 'four-hours of pain is nothing compared to what a fallen or wounded [military] member and their family has to deal with.'"

With another half-marathon finish line crossed and a couple days of rest, Shaw has no plans to scale it back. He continues to push physical boundaries of self-improvement and dedicates every mile in honor of the fallen.



VISUAL: Shaw's ultimate goal for future honor rucks is to get more military members to participate and having all branches represented. His goals don't stop there either. He wants to be able to carry the name of each fallen military member that Oklahoma has lost in combat.



LINE-OF-SIGHT



U.S. Sen. James Lankford visits the 138th Fighter Wing, Aug. 31, 2020 at Tulsa Air National Guard Base, Okla. During his visit, the senator discussed upcoming construction projects with Wing leadership and took a tour of the flight line where he learned about the capabilities of an F-16 Viper.
(Oklahoma Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Allen Tyler)



Chief Master Sgt. Dennis Dipiazzo, incoming command chief of the 138th Fighter Wing, right, salutes Col. Michael Meason, 138th FW commander, left, during a change of responsibility ceremony, Oct. 3, 2020, at Tulsa Air National Guard Base, Oklahoma. During the change of responsibility ceremony, the 138th FW welcomed Dipiazzo as the new command chief.
(Oklahoma Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Imwalle)



A local Elks club donates Christmas gifts to 138th Fighter Wing children and families, Dec. 18, 2020, at Broken Arrow, Okla. The club donated over 200 toys to families of 138th FW deployed members.
(Oklahoma Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. C.T. Michael)



Maj. Gen. Michael C. Thompson, the adjutant general of Oklahoma, captures a group photo with women of the 138th Fighter Wing to honor Women's History Month, Mar. 7, 2021, at Tulsa Air National Guard Base, Okla. The Oklahoma National Guard honors the contributions of women serving in the military and DOD civilian forces, celebrating the richness and diversity of their achievements in March and throughout the year.
(Oklahoma Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. C.T. Michael)



138th Fighter Wing leadership meet with Chief Wendell Franklin, Tulsa Police Department, during a community outreach, April 8, 2021, at Tulsa Air National Guard Base, Okla. Franklin was appointed as 40th Chief of the Tulsa Police Department by Tulsa Mayor G.T. Bynum on Feb. 1, 2020
(Oklahoma Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. C.T. Michael)



Sexual Assault Response Coordinator Bonnie Smith, 138th Fighter Wing, left, hosts a Domestic Violence Intervention Services "What I Was Wearing" event, Apr. 10, 2021, at Tulsa Air National Guard Base, Okla. DVIS, a Tulsa Area agency, is a nonprofit agency in Tulsa, Okla., and the surrounding communities to provide comprehensive intervention and prevention services to men, women and children affected by domestic and sexual violence.
(Oklahoma Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Imwalle)

WARPAINT

ONE TEAM, ONE FIGHT - OPERATION NOBLE EAGLE 2020



More than 300 Airmen from the 138th Fighter Wing participated in a stateside deployment to provide air support for Operation Noble Eagle in Savannah, Georgia, September 2020 through January 2021.

ONE is a joint operation dedicated to homeland security and provides support to federal, state, and local agencies since Sept. 11, 2001. The 138th FW recently provided support for the presidential rallies and debates occurring in 2020.

Maj. Colin Newton, 125th Fighter Squadron, was one of the F-16 Viper pilots that deployed to Savannah. He explained that the 138th FW also provided support for other events such as the SpaceX launch, Army v. Navy football game and Camp David.

"In total, we flew 1200 hours in 600 sorties, 84 of which were direct support taskings," said Newton.

In addition to pilots, Airmen from ten different squadrons deployed in support of the mission. Senior Airman Dion Junior, 138th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle maintenance technician, was one of the Airmen responsible for maintaining vehicles vital to the mission.

"Our mission was to maintain the aircraft refueling trucks," said Junior. "Those vehicles pump thousands and thousands of gallons of fuel to make sure the pilots can fly as much as needed."

Throughout the deployment, both Newton and Junior built relationships with people from on the base and in the community. Junior found that he was working with people that he had never worked with before and how valuable those new friendships became.

"Everybody is so willing and ready to do anything and help anybody at any point in time," said Junior. "Support like that really helps out not only the mission but our unit as well."

Newton noted that he found a challenge in working with so many different people. "The most challenging thing was making sure separate services, different agencies, and multiple airframes, blended together in order to accomplish a single goal."



VISUAL: Operation Noble Eagle, the military's Homeland Defense mission, officially began on September 12, 2001, the day after the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Air National Guard, U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy fighters began flying combat air patrol missions over major cities and critical infrastructure locations such as power plants, bridges, airports, and port facilities across the United States.





Lt. Col. Eric Jauquet, of Claremore, Oklahoma, lost his life on March 20, at the age of 48. At the time of his passing, Jauquet served as the Commander of the 138th Operations Support Squadron for the Oklahoma Air National Guard.

Eric was born on October 31, 1972 at Grand Forks Air Force Base, North Dakota. The proud son of an Air Force pilot, Eric grew up in Texas, Iowa and Idaho, where his father was stationed. He attended East High School in Sioux City, Iowa, where he was a championship winning wrestler and football player.

Jauquet enlisted in the Oklahoma Air National Guard in December 1994, as an F-16C/D Crew Chief with the 138th Maintenance Group.

In February of 1999, Jauquet was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant through the Academy of Military Science at McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tennessee. Nearly a year and a half later, in June 2000, he graduated from pilot training at Laughlin AFB, Texas.

Since completing F-16 Initial Qualification Training at Luke AFB, Arizona, in May 2001, Jauquet had accumulated more than 2,900 flight hours in the F-16.

"Lt. Col. Eric Jauquet, or "Smokin" as we called him, was a great friend, an outstanding fighter pilot, and a gifted story teller who will be deeply missed," said Col. Michael Meason, commander of the Oklahoma Air National Guard's 138th Fighter Wing. "Throughout his years of service to our state, nation as a member of the Oklahoma Air National Guard, the warrior heart of this seasoned combat veteran was evidenced by the way he lived and served with such passion, patriotism, strength and honor."

Jauquet held his current position as commander of the 138th Operations Support Squadron since October, 2018, and planned on retiring in July after 26 years of service. Prior to his current assignment, Jauquet served as the 138th Fighter Wing Chief of Safety.

Jauquet held a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from University of Tulsa and became a First Officer with American Airlines in July, 2014. He planned to continue his American Airlines career after his Air National Guard retirement.



VISUAL: Jauquet's awards and decorations included - Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with six oak leaf clusters, Aerial Achievement Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster, Joint Meritorious Unit Award with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters, AF Outstanding Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster, Combat Readiness Medal with eight oak leaf clusters, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal with device, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two devices, Iraq Campaign Medal with device, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border and seven oak leaf clusters, Air Force Longevity Service with five devices, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with silver hourglass, 'M' Device with the numeral '3', Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Air Force Training Ribbon with oak leaf cluster, NATO Medal with two devices.

He participated in multiple combat deployments to include Operation Southern Watch, Operation Northern Watch, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Freedom's Sentinel and Operation Inherent Resolve. During these deployments, Jauquet flew 125 combat missions over Iraq, Afghanistan and other countries in the Gulf region.



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"Eric was among the very best F-16 pilots in the Air Force and used his flight skills, time and again, to keep American and allied forces on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan safe from enemy forces," said Maj. Gen. Michael Thompson, adjutant general for Oklahoma. "His premature passing will leave a hole in the hearts of all who knew and loved him for many years to come."



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